

## I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

"FOR THEREIN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED FROM FAITH TO FAITH:  
AS IT IS WRITTEN, THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

(READ ROMANS 1:16-17)

Paul writes "*I am not ashamed of the gospel... For therein is the righteousness of God revealed...*" Remarkable, is it not? I mean, you'd think that Paul would write that the gospel reveals the *love* of God or the *grace* of God; while most certainly the gospel does reveal His *love* and His *grace*, first and foremost, it reveals His *righteousness*.

You see, the gospel reveals how that God is *right* and *just* to forgive us by His love in Christ, through the *doing* of His Son's perfect life and the *dying* of His Son's sin atoning death; our Heavenly Father "*hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him*" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

In other words the gospel justifies God, in that, when He justifies us—He does so justly and freely by and through His grace in Christ. The gospel begins with God and finishes with Him, it shows us how He is both a just God and the justifier of His people.

Now, when Paul writes "*I am not ashamed of the gospel*," he is declaring 'God is satisfied!' His Son has fulfilled the demands of God's holy unbending law on my behalf, on behalf of His people, in the strictest sense possible. By the grace He purposed to give me in Christ Jesus my Lord, I have been made to know that He is satisfied with the *doing* and *dying* of His only begotten Son. And if God is satisfied, how can I be ashamed of that! That's our sure hope beloved!—PASTOR

### CALENDAR 2019 / 2020

#### UP COMING EVENTS

Fellowship Luncheon **Oct 6th**  
Lincoln Wood Conference **Oct 4, 5, 6**  
Clay Curtis — 7:30 PM on Friday,  
refreshments after the service  
And 6:30 on Saturday

Grace Conference **Feb 21, 22, 23**  
Donnie Bell, Don Fortner

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

[bookshelf.sovereigngrace.us](http://bookshelf.sovereigngrace.us)  
Spiritual Autobiography, Joseph Hart  
Prodigal Blessing Joseph Hart, J.A. Kingham  
The Three Birthdays, Unknown  
"Prove all things..." / "Examinadlo todo..."  
[librero.iglesiadegracia.us](http://librero.iglesiadegracia.us)  
...Redimido en Jesucristo, Walter Groover  
Las ovejas oyen la Voz, Cody Groover  
Inmundo o Santo, Joseph D Murphy

If the Lord puts it on your heart, visit us and "*Come and see*" / Si el Señor quiere, "*Ven y ve*"

Let the heaven and earth praise Him, the  
seas, and every thing that moveth  
therein (PSALM 69:34)



### WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an *imperfect* church, with an *imperfect* pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the *perfect* gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are *complete in Him*, saved to the uttermost.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" **JOSEPH D MURPHY**, PASTOR  
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Sunday, 10 AM  
**1 TIMOTHY**  
ENGLISH

Sunday, 11 AM  
**PSALMS**  
ENGLISH

Domingo, 6 PM  
**ROMANOS**  
ESPAÑOL

Wednesday, 7 PM  
**ROMANS**  
ENGLISH

### SERVICE TIMES

#### ENGLISH

Bible Classes **Sun, 10 AM**  
Worship Service **Sun, 11 AM**  
Bible Study **Wed, 7 PM**

#### ESPAÑOL

Servicio de Adoración **Dom, 6 PM**

### AUDIO PODCASTS

#### AVAILABLE ON ITUNES AND GOOGLE PLAY

**Purposed Grace Sermons**  
**Purposed Grace Articles**

#### DISPONIBLE EN ITUNES Y GOOGLE PLAY

**Propósito y Gracia, Sermones**  
**Propósito y Gracia, Artículos**

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR 4 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER / GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE

### RECENT PODCASTS

#### RECENT SERMONS

Glory Through Jesus Christ (ROM 15:16-18)  
God Shall Bless (PSALM 67)  
Joy and Peace Believing Christ (ROM 15:13-16)

#### SERMONES RECIENTES

Cristo vino para salvar... (1 TIM 1:15)  
Nacimiento Nuevo (JUAN 3:7)  
...la voluntad de Dios (MATEO 8:2-3)

### DIRECTIONS

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

Show up early and have a cup of coffee with us! 9:30 & 10:30 AM



### TRUST IN CHRIST

“...THE SALVATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS OF THE LORD: HE IS THEIR STRENGTH IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE. AND THE LORD SHALL HELP THEM, AND DELIVER THEM: HE SHALL DELIVER THEM FROM THE WICKED, AND SAVE THEM, BECAUSE THEY TRUST IN HIM”

(PSALM 37:39-40)

Beloved, this is the very gospel of our salvation—*“the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD”* (Psalm 37:39). Now while those that oppose the gospel of Christ would assert that “salvation is up to you” or “salvation is left up to the so called ‘free will’ of man”—God’s word declares *“Salvation belongeth unto the LORD”* (Psalm 3:8), indeed *“Salvation is of the LORD”* (Jonah 2:9). You see, God decides to whomsoever He will give it. Salvation does not belong to man’s *worth*, or man’s *will*, or man’s *whim*; rather, God *“saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion”* and the apostle concludes that salvation *“is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy”* (Romans 9:15-16). My friend, it is God that shows mercy: Salvation is of Him; He purposed it, He purchased it, He provided it, and He gives it to His beloved people undeservedly. Indeed *“He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.”* May the LORD grant reader and writer alike to ever do that very thing *“trust in Him”* with the heart that He opens [Acts 16:14]. AMEN! — PASTOR

### GLORY IN THE LORD

“WHEN THOU WITH REBUKES DOST CORRECT MAN FOR INIQUITY, THOU MAKEST HIS BEAUTY TO CONSUME AWAY LIKE A MOTH: SURELY EVERY MAN IS VANITY. SELAH.”

(PSALM 39:11)

Beloved, God has made us to know our sinful nature—and my friend, the only way you’ll ever know that you are an evil sinner, is when God teaches you, by putting you into the glorious light of His beloved Son; and in the light, beauty, and glorious perfection of the Lord Jesus Christ, He shows you that you are an evil wicked sinner, who must be saved by Christ alone. And He does that my friend, in love—not in wrath.

You see beloved, in love He causes us to know our sinful nature and to weep over our sin—indeed, He’s nigh of them that be of a broken heart, He saveth such that be of a contrite spirit—He makes us to see and understand that all of

our so called beauty, all of our self proclaimed glory is nothing but a moth eaten garment, that all of our so called righteousnesses are as filthy rags...and when we see our ugliness, our rottenness, our filthy righteousness, it causes us to seek Christ who is altogether lovely and well pleasing before the Father and His people.

You see, He is the Lord our righteousness and He has been made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption—that we might do as it is written *“glory in the Lord.”* — PASTOR

### AN ABLE SAVIOR

“...HE IS ABLE ALSO TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTMOST THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIM, SEEING HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM”

(HEBREWS 7:25)

It is good for believers to remember where they were when God saved them and what they are by nature. The Holy Spirit put these words in the Book of Inspiration as a fact to be remembered — *“The witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man’s feet, whose name was Saul”* (Acts 7:58). They are words which were meant to keep Paul humble; and they always did. He never forgot what happened at Jerusalem that day (Acts 22:19-20; 1 Timothy 1:12-17).

We must never forget where we were when grace found us (Isaiah 51:1). We must never forget what we were and are by nature. We must never forget what God has saved us from (Ephesians 2:1-4), and what He has done for us in Christ (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 John 3:1-3). Such a memory will make us grateful. He loves much who is forgiven much (Luke 7:36-50). Such grateful remembrance will make the gospel of God’s distinguishing grace precious. All who have been saved acknowledge that *“By the grace of God I am what I am”* (1 Corinthians 15:10). Thank God for electing love, redeeming blood, regenerating grace, and preserving power! Grace alone makes us to differ from those who are damned (1 Corinthians 4:7; Romans 9:16). This gives us hope for others too. He who saved Saul of Tarsus can save me. He who saved me can save you. He who saved us can save anyone. His blood is sufficient! His grace is sufficient! His power is sufficient! Jesus Christ is an able Savior! (Hebrews 7:25) — DONALD S FORTNER